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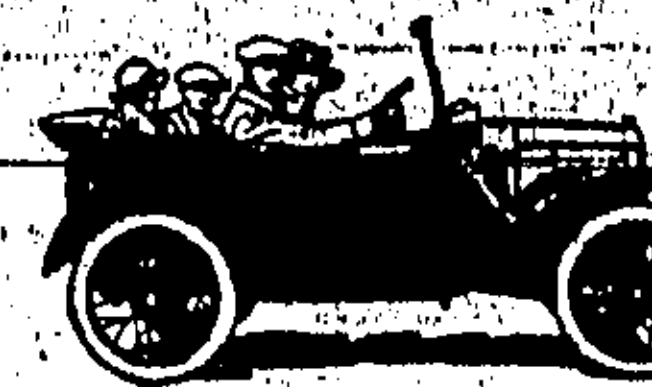
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FRENCH SENATE'S APPROVAL.

M. POINCARÉ JOINS DISCUSSION.

DEPENDS HIS PREVIOUS ATTITUDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, August 27.

The Senate approved the decisions reached at the London Conference by 204 votes to 40.
M. POINCARÉ'S CONTRIBUTION.
M. Poincaré's contribution to the Senate discussion regarding the London Reparations Agreement, was largely devoted to the defence of his previous policy. He declared France had accepted the Dawes' scheme because it conducted to the re-establishment of the inter-allied entente and was more advantageous than the Bonar Law scheme. He admitted the Dawes' scheme allows for an increase of the German debt, leaves the Reparations Commission free to establish defaults and commercialises the German Debt, but he objected to the abandonment of pledges before promises had been carried out.

SPOKE FOR TWO HOURS.

M. Poincaré spoke for two hours before opening fire on M. Herriot's work in London. Then he bitterly denounced the military evacuation of the Ruhr which ought not to be effected until the Dawes' bonds were placed on the market. He declared another disadvantage of the evacuation was the reaction on inter-allied debts. He explained that his idea was to exchange certain annuities and the Ruhr pledge for abatement of inter-allied debts.

As regards the question of security, the former Premier said if France had the Spithead Fleet in the Ruhr, she would be much easier in mind. But, as things were, it was impossible to admit the evacuation of Cologne next January concluded the structure built in London. It rested on shiftings and German good faith.

PREMIER INTERRUPTED.
When M. Herriot rose to reply to M. Poincaré, the latter constantly interrupted. The proceedings developed into a keen, contentious verbal duel between the protagonists of two policies. The Premier concluded that grave problems remained to be settled. He did not make any rash promises. He asked the House to choose between isolated action and inter-allied co-operation, a motion which was carried. He expressed confidence that Government would pursue the execution of the London Agreement and obtain a necessary guarantee of security and satisfactory settlement of inter-allied debts.

CRICKET AT HOME.

DOUBLE "HAT-TRICK"

UNIQUE BOWLING RECORDS.

LONDON, August 26.

At the Oval, Surrey defeated Yorkshire by 109 runs.
Surrey scored 209 and 202; Roy Kilner took 5 wickets for 58 and 5 for 95.
Yorkshire's totals were 100 (Sadler 5 for 29, P. G. H. Fender 3 for 77) and 202 (Sadler 5 for 42, Fender 5 for 45).

Essex drew with Northants at Leyton.
Northants compiled 351 (J. W. H. T. Douglas 5 for 73). When play ceased, Essex had knocked up 328 for 6 wickets; Freeman (J.) scored 120.

At Taunton, Somerset obtained a ten wickets' victory over Worcestershire.
Worcester made 205, to which M. K. (P) Foster contributed 111. Their second innings realised 146 (J. C. White 8 for 44). Somerset scored 348 for 9 declared (J. C. W. MacBryan 95) and 4 for no wicket.

Sussex, at Leicester, beat the home county by an innings and 95 runs.

Leicestershire could only manage 113 and 45 (A. E. R. Gilligan 6 for 24).

Sussex hit up 253 (Bowley 74).
At Gloucester, Middlesex were defeated by 61 runs.

Gloucestershire, in their first innings, made 31. Nigel Haig secured 6 wickets for 11 and Durston 4 for 18. Middlesex were then dismissed for 74. Parker taking 7 wickets for 30 runs. Batting the second time, Gloucester declared at 294 for 9 wickets, Hammond being 174 not out. In their second innings Middlesex were all out for 190. Parker got 7 wickets for 101.

C. W. L. Parker, the Gloucester professional, performed the "hat-trick" in each innings, making his fifth "hat-trick" in first-class cricket.
[Note:—Parker's feat has been equalled and exceeded.]

In 1912, T. J. Matthews, playing for Australia v. South Africa at Manchester, took three wickets with successive balls in each innings. This is a performance without parallel in Test-match cricket.

In 1907, Trott (A.E.), playing in his own benefit match—Middlesex v. Somerset, at Lord's—took 4 wickets with consecutive balls and he also did the hat-trick in the same innings. This double performance is also without parallel in important cricket.

Parker himself, has a noteworthy bowling feat to his credit. In 1922—in his own benefit match at Bristol—playing for Gloucester against Yorkshire, he hit the wicket five times with consecutive balls. The second of the deliveries was, however, a no-ball.

At Nottingham, the home eleven beat Warwickshire by an innings and 56 runs. Warwick managed 193 and 137. Nottingham declared at 323 for 5 wickets (Wright 137).

The Manchester match—Lancashire v. Hampshire—was abandoned on account of rain and accordingly left drawn. Lancashire hit up 70 without loss before play became impossible.

U.S. PACKERS' FAILURE

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 26.
Mr. Wilson, head of the United States Packers' Association, has been elected president of the association.

SUDAN MUTINEERS.

TRIAL OF ATBARA PRISONERS.

RAILWAY BATTALION EVACUATED.

NATIVES SHOW LITTLE SYMPATHY.

(Reuter's Service.)

KHARTUM, August 26.

While parties of the mutinous Railway Battalion were being evacuated, they attempted to create a disturbance among the natives. The latter, however, did not respond.
A Court, composed entirely of Egyptians and Sudanese, trying the Atbara disturbers, sentenced three of them to 2 years' imprisonment each and ten others to one year each.

GOVERNOR OF CEYLON.

SIR HUGH CLIFFORD APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 27.

Sir Hugh Clifford, G.C.M.G., Governor of Nigeria, has been appointed Governor of Ceylon.
Note: Sir Hugh Clifford, eldest son of the late Major-General Hon. Sir H. H. Clifford, V.C., C.B., K.C.M.G., was educated at Woburn Park, under the 13th Lord Pease. He passed for Sandhurst with an Hon. Queen's Cadetship in 1883, but instead joined the Malay States Civil Service as a cadet in 1883. From 1890 to 1895 he acted as Resident in Pahang and took a leading part in suppression of the rebellion in 1892. After a distinguished career in the service of the Federated Malay States, Trinidad and Ceylon, where he acted as Governor on four occasions while holding the substantive appointment of Colonial Secretary, Sir Hugh was appointed Governor of the Gold Coast in 1912. From 1914-1919 he was responsible for the administration of the British sphere of occupation in Togoland. Since 1919, Sir Hugh has been Governor of Nigeria. He is author of several publications.

BENGAL LEGISLATORS.

SWARAJISTS OBSTRUCT IN COUNCIL.

QUESTION OF MINISTERS' SALARIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

CALCUTTA, August 26.

The Bengal Legislative Council again rejected the Bill for the Ministers' salaries. The voting was 68 to 66 against.

The Swarajists in the Council rejected Ministers' salaries on March 24 and the Governor, Lord Lytton, proposed to re-submit the votes to Council in July, but the Swarajists obtained a High Court injunction ordering the President of the Council to disallow the motion.

After this, the Secretary of State for India, Lord Oliver, sanctioned an amendment to the rules governing the procedure of the Legislative Assembly and Provincial Legislatures, whereby estimates could be re-submitted to the Legislatures. Recently it was intimated officially that in the event of rejection of the Ministers' salaries, administration would be carried on without Ministers.

[Note: An article on page 5 to-day throws further light on the above message. Ed.—China Mail.]

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

DETAILS OF LOCATELLI'S FLIGHT.

DISCOVERY A MIRACLE.

LONDON, August 26.

Details now available indicate the very narrow escape of the Italian aviator Locatelli and his party. A New York message states the cruiser U.S.S. "Richmond" was going out to sea, following a fruitless search for the Greenland ice-pack.

Suddenly flares were observed at midnight the ship used her searchlight for half an hour before she picked up the aeroplane, which had drifted westward of the probable search zone. The discovery, therefore, was almost a miracle. The fliers had sent up rockets every two hours until the supply was almost exhausted. It was one of the last which was seen aboard the U.S.S. "Richmond."

Locatelli says his original trouble developed 7 1/2 hours after leaving Reykjavik owing to water getting into the motor. He believed he could have made Frederiksdal; but the fog was so thick, he decided to alight and effect repairs and await clearer weather. He came down unexpectedly in a rough sea; the descent loosened the two engine supports. Thereafter the mechanics were prostrated with sea sickness and the turbulent weather prevented the machine taking off again.

U.S. AND JAPAN.

MR. BANCROFT AS NEW AMBASSADOR.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 26.

It is expected that Mr. Bancroft, a well-known Chicago lawyer, will shortly be appointed Ambassador to Japan. Mr. Bancroft, who has been active in the movement for the re-organization of the Japanese Government, is a strong supporter of the United States.

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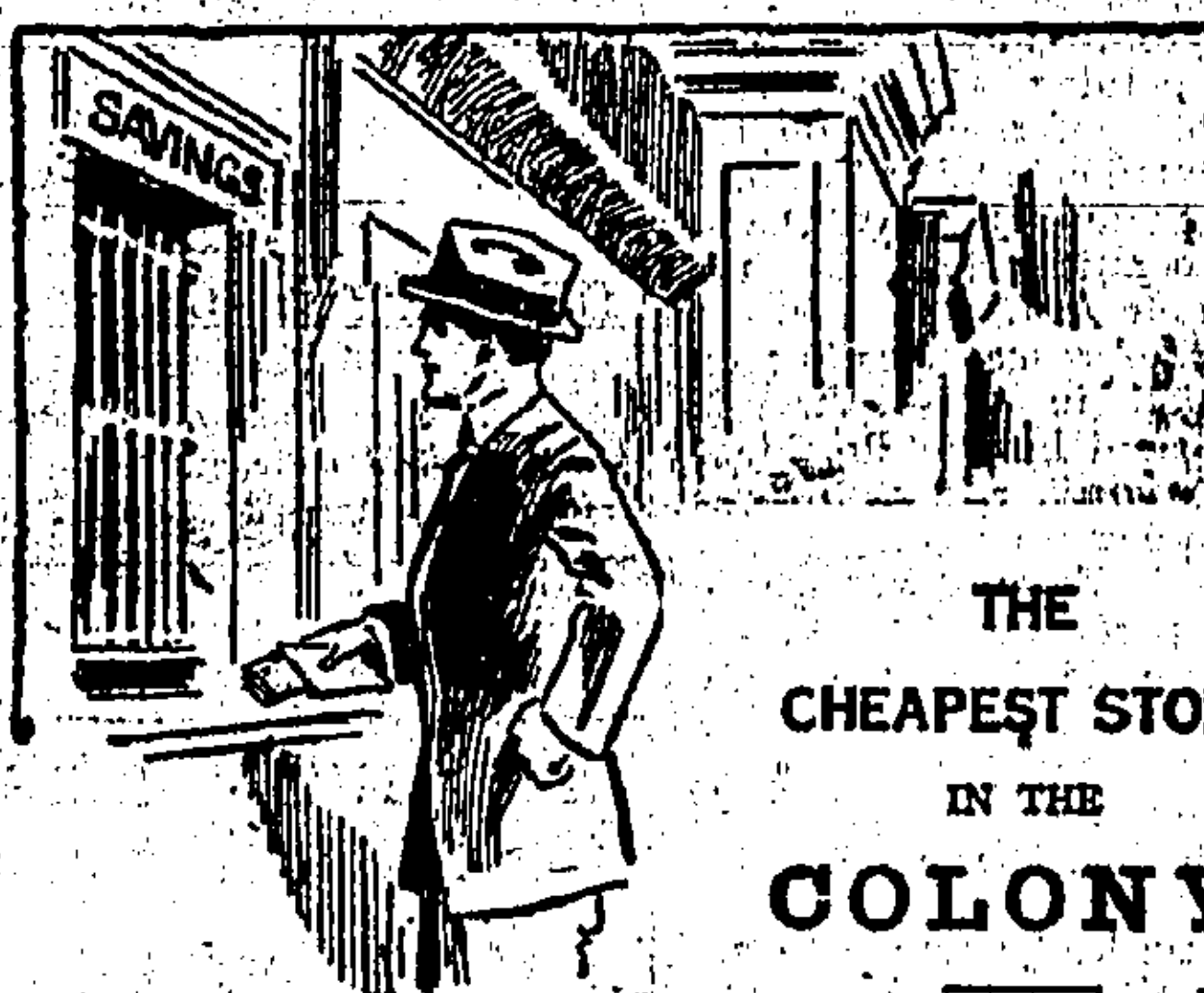
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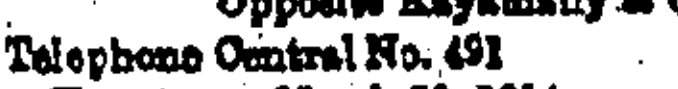
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considers to be a fair share of business in the shipping world a new rate war may be declared. Commerce Commissioner J. C. Plummer, vice chairman of the United States Shipping Lines, who has just arrived in London told a "Daily Mail" reporter that Congress was determined upon getting 50 per cent. of the shipping business gotten into and leaving the United States "If, we do not get it," he said "there is no doubt that Congress will alter the shipping law to enable us to do so." "We can carry cargo cheaper than anybody else and if we have to cut rates we shall do so," Congress has provided \$2,000,000 for operating the shipping line of the United States Lines "this year. This means that we are now in a position to lose that amount of money in getting business although we do not want to, of course, if it can be avoided," Commissioner Plummer added. "If foreign shipping men could only get it into their skulls that the United States wants to live and let live, and that she is not out to grab the world's shipping all would be well."

Gold, it is claimed, has been made out of quicksilver by two Berlin scientists, Professor Mieths and Dr. Stammerich. Thus the dream of alchemists is realised. Professor Mieths, who is photographic chemist at the observatory of Charlottenburg Technical College, describes the discovery which he and his colleague have made in the current number "Naturwissenschaft." He writes I have, with my assistant, Dr. Stammerich, found gold through dissolving an atom of quicksilver. Since Sir Ernest Rutherford (Professor of Experimental Physics at Cambridge University) succeeded in splitting up the atom of nitrogen the hope of dissolving quicksilver also has been high in the scientific world. The fact that now this has been done gold is the result may surprise most of us. The atomic weight of quicksilver is 201 and that of gold 197. The difference of 4 is the atomic weight of helium, and nitrogen. Professor Mieths himself estimates that the cost of electric current required to make one kilogramme of gold from quicksilver would be £1,000,000. The discovery of the Berlin scientists was to some extent accidental. They were using a new sort of silver lamp in June 1923 for certain experiments and discovered that it wore out quickly when too highly charged. They observed that a black deposit was formed within it. They collected these deposits and discovered in them gold. The professor and his assistant constructed a special apparatus, a quicksilver arc lamp, between the arcs of which were two quicksilver electrodes. With this apparatus they brought quicksilver to a gaseous form and let an electric current of from 200 to 2,000 watts pass through it from 20 to 200 hours. They distilled the quicksilver in a vessel exhausted of air and found gold amounting to between 1-100th and 1-10th part of a milligramme. This is almost a microscopic amount of metal, but it was gold. For a sense the importance of this discovery is enormous, but Dr. Mieths himself writes with regard to our discovery, does not so much as to the discovery of gold.

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London, July 25.—The official visit of the American Bar Association ends to-day with the visit to Sulgrave Manor the ancestral home of the Washington family, and the reception in the evening at Westminster Hall by the Lord Chancellor—Viscount Haldane—the Earl of Birkenhead, Viscount Cavo, Viscount Finlay and Lord Buckmaster—the former Lord Chancellor.

Thus ends what has been essentially "The American lawyers' week" of the London season, of which the most memorable occasions undoubtedly were the Royal garden party at Buckingham Palace, the historic reception by the English bench and bar at Westminster Hall, banquets and garden parties at the Inns of Court, the unveiling of the Blackstone statue presented by the American Bar to the English Bar, and a profusion of other functions.

SILK HATS POPULAR.

Conversations with many of the leading American judges, attorneys and their brethren of the Canadian Bar Association, who have also been here in force with the men of law representing North America from Labrador to Texas, convince one that this meeting will be fruitful of a ripe harvest of harmony among the three great English-speaking countries. As the chief justice of one of the American states remarked, "Every one of us will go back from the fireside in the old homestead—to use the words of Charles E. Hughes in Westminster Hall—as an ambassador of Britain."

The most secluded doors of London have been opened to the visitors who with their silk hats bought in London so as to walk in the Temple in Temple garb, have found their picturesque badges an open sesame. To London it has been a refreshing experience, while to the visitors it has been a red letter week.

There are indications that amid all this gaiety the American Bar is pondering certain legal reforms, for as the representative of "The Christian Science Monitor" talked at dinner in his inn, and at their quarters or in public places with several of the most eminent and also many of the rank and file of the American lawyers here, he gathered the following most distinct impressions.

BRITISH PROCEDURE STUDIED.

1. Clear-cut division between the solicitor and barrister in England is very puzzling to his colleagues from the west, and the fusion has so long been the rule in America that there is no desire to adopt the English system. But the high standard of education and culture of both the barristers and solicitors whom he met much impressed the American and Canadian attorneys. The barristers' chambers, with their Old World appearance, lack of space and antiquated methods contrast strangely with the lawyers' offices across the Atlantic where, in many great cities, they are more like department stores.

2. The majesty of procedure in the higher courts and at the Old Bailey itself were favourably commented upon. The wigs and robes of the judges and counsel were seen to help to maintain the atmosphere of dignity. Several of the American women lawyers were enthusiastic over this ceremonial aspect. Yet despite this formality it was debated whether after all the counsel here were not less prolix in conducting the cases and the judges much readier to intervene to clear up the dark points and to avoid waste time. For instance while in many American courts the proceedings begin with the proclamation, "Hear ye!"—evidence, and adjourn—with the same ceremony—here the judge merely takes his seat quietly with all standing and retire in a similar fashion.

3. A civil case set down for trial within six months, and is generally disposed of within the year, investigated the procedure of the wharves, in America, it was said, English courts with a view to nothing under 18 months would secure expedition in the American courts. "It is safe to say that the visit has done more than any other since the war to cement Anglo-American friendship and to strengthen the ties of the two countries," which, as the Canadian lawyer remarked, is symbolized by the proposed boundary between the United States and the British Dominion.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Mr. Robert Applegarth, the veteran trade union leader, has died at his home at Thornton Heath.

Mr. W. Dobbie, the Labour Lord Mayor of York, has been elected president of the National Union of Railwaymen.

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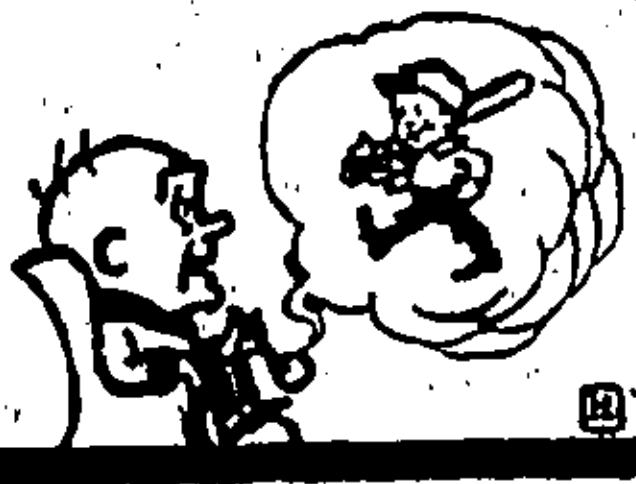
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DEATHS.

PENTYCROSS.—At the Peak Hospital, on August 26, Mabel dearly beloved wife of F. H. Pentycross. (Shanghai papers please copy).

OZORIO.—On August 21, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Leo E. Ozorio ("Baby") beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Ozorio, in his 21st year.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1924.

TO-MORROW'S HEALTH
MEETING.

To-morrow afternoon's Legislative Council meeting represents the first opportunity the Unofficial Members have had to tackle the Government regarding the Colony's obsolete health system, since the two Sanitary Board meetings which provided such glaring evidence of the need for reform. That opportunity is being

seized. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak is introducing a resolution, which amounts to a challenge to the Government, pressing as it does for an adequate health service. Whether the Colony's health system should be revised in the exact terms laid down in the resolution is of course open to argument, many people feeling with the "China Mail" that a commission should first investigate local conditions, but there can be no question about the need for reform. That is so glaring indeed that the query arises how has it been ignored so long? The answer is worth seeking, because it has a direct bearing upon the possible success of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak's resolution during the debate that is sure to take place to-morrow afternoon. Briefly it is this. For a long time past now it has been known that the Colony's health system left many things to be desired. Over eighteen months ago it was officially admitted that a new Public Health and Building Ordinance was badly needed, and this was confirmed during the housing debate when Official Mem-

bers spoke about the Ordinance with "all its imperfections." Although the "China Mail" drew attention to these admissions, at the time they were made, and pressed for a commission to revise the Colony's entire health system, they failed to impress the Unofficial Members as being strong enough evidence to support a demand for reform. That was last year and since then much has happened. To-day there is evidence aplenty of the need for action, evidence, be it added, entirely from official sources. We are referring of course to the recent Sanitary Board meetings, at which statements were made showing plainly how inadequate and how anomalous is the present health system, banishing, as the acting Sanitary Board Head himself tacitly admitted—banishing common sense under the threat of "administrative and financial chaos." This is only one of the statements the Unofficial Members will be able to quote to-morrow afternoon. There are others equally damning. Thus armed, the Unofficial Members will be able to make out an unanswerable case for reform—an unanswerable case based, as we have said, entirely upon official confessions.

All-Year Swimming.

A reason advanced for the success of some of the swimmers at the Olympic Games was that at their homes they could swim all the year round and were always in trim. We know there are a few stalwarts who take an occasional dip when others find that bed is the best place on a morning when the thermometer reads about 55. We have also heard of the party of Hongkong schoolboys who spent Christmas morning at Telegraph Bay but finished up by throwing their bathing trunks and towels into the water. Nevertheless, there must be some who yearn for company and the confidence of numbers on a winter morning when a friend, in all seriousness, prescribes a swim for a cold in the head. From offhand inquiries we learn that the V.R.C. bath is sometimes empty in the cold months but if a sufficient number of members asked for the privilege they would probably be allowed to swim through the winter. Others who have recollections of the Serpentine will vote for one of the beaches in or near the harbour. Perhaps we may yet hear of a Hongkong winter swimming club.

Street Nuisances.

At Sotheby's last month there was sold a copy of "An Act of Common Council," printed in 1655. The law was passed in the time of Oliver Cromwell "for the better avoiding and preventing of annoyances within the City of London." It declared that—

No man shall after the hour of nine at night keep any rule whereby any sudden outcry be made in the still of the night, as making any affray, or beating his Wife, or Servant, or singing under pain of 3s 4d.

We wonder whether a similar law could not be placed upon the Statute Book for Hongkong, the more so as this Act provided further that

No hammerman, as a Smith, a Pewterer, a Founder, and all other Artificers making a great sound, shall work after the hour of nine in the night or before the hour of four in the morning.

No man shall shoot in the Street, for wager or otherwise. No man shall digge any hole in the Street for any matter, except he stop it up again. No man shall blow any horn in the night within the City, or whistle after nine of the Clock in the night under pain of imprisonment.

The "shooting in the street" would include the firing of crackers, or of course, the "order against hole-digging might curb the activities of the Public Works Department. Blowing any horn, playing gramophone records—in any language—during office hours and after 9 p.m. should certainly be a penal offence. Whistling should be prohibited from midnight to midnight within municipal limits. Seriously, the Act from which we have quoted has much to recommend it in a place like Hongkong, which is a city of incessant street noises during the day and greater part of the night.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 27.—Coronet Theatre: "An Old-Fashioned Boy" and "Burglar by Proxy."
August 27-30.—World Theatre: "Tiching Palms."
August 27-28.—Queen's Theatre: "Prisoners of Love."
August 27.—Star Theatre, concert by the celebrated Polish violinist M. Premyslav.

August 30.—V.R.C. fourth night swimming fête, 9 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
August 28.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, valuable building land, 3 p.m.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.
September 15.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.

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October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, noon.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Attention is called to our advertisement columns with regard to the sale of crown land on September 1.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club is advertised for Friday, September 5, at 5.30 p.m. in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Showing in the Coronet Theatre again this evening is the excellent double programme comprising "An Old Fashioned Boy," starring Charles Ray, and "Burglar by Proxy," starring Jack Pickford.

The second portion of the first Portuguese movie play ever made will be shown at the matinee performance in the Star Theatre this afternoon. In the evening M. Premyslav gives his second concert.

Judgment was given for the defendant in the Summary Court yesterday by Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball in the case in which a landlord claimed \$140 from a tenant, who he said committed a nuisance by the roasting of chestnuts.

Before Mr. J. A. Fraser, at the Hongkong Magistracy, yesterday afternoon Pun Yuen driver of car No. 1334 and Ho Chim-on, driver of car No. 574 were summoned by Traffic Inspector C. F. Alexander for using private motor cars for public hire at 1.30 a.m. on August 17. A fine of \$25 was imposed in each case.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

On Thursday last Mr. T. H. T. Rogers the doyen of the F.M.S. bar, attained his 78th birthday.

Mr. Geo. A. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Fossum, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smyth arrived from Manila in the a.s. "President Wilson."

The United States warship "Trenton," says a Bushire message, has sailed for America with the body of the murdered Consul Mr. Imbrie. The Persian authorities rendered full honours.

Invitations are being issued by the Indian Muslim Society (Hongkong) for the occasion of the festival of Idles on Inspector Nawab Khan (Khan Sahib) and Inspector Mohinder Singh (Sardar Sahib) of the Hongkong Police, at Police Headquarters, at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 5. Those who have received invitations are requested to note that the words "at 5 p.m." were inadvertently omitted.

Dr. W. M. Axling, a missionary in Japan, speaking at a meeting under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches in America, said the Japanese exclusion act struck a staggering blow at the Christian movement in Japan. "Japan is wondering whether China is going to follow the rule and exclude the missionaries," he said. Dr. Axling said the people are asking whether the way in which the exclusion act was passed by Congress is a challenge to the yellow race.

SUB-LET SHOP.

LANDLORD SEEKS POSSESSION.

MEANING OF A CLAUSE.

Questions as to the power of a principal tenant to sub-let were discussed before His Honour Mr. Justice A. Dyer Ball in the Summary Court this morning when Wong Ting-san, the landlord of No. 83, Wu Tung Street, Yau-mati, claimed possession, of premises there from the Ching Cheong firm of carpenters on the grounds that they had wrongfully taken possession.

Mr. F. C. S. Brooks was for plaintiff and Mr. D. MacCullum for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Brooks said that the premises were in one of five houses owned by the plaintiff and were let to tenants as what were known as family, or in a more legal term, dwelling houses. The terms of the letting were contained in a rent receipt issued to all the tenants which contained a clause that "in case the tenant desired to go into another line of business he was not permitted to transfer the premises to other tenants but must surrender them to the landlord." This, said Mr. Brooks, was a covenant against assigning or sub-letting without the consent of the landlord, also a covenant against any of the tenants carrying on business other than that carried on by them at the time of the letting.

The premises concerned were let as dwelling houses but the tenant, a woman named Wong Yee, had sub-let them without consent and they were at present being used as a carpenter's shop.

Wrongful Possession.
The person to whom the woman had expected to sub-let or to put into possession was the defendant who he (Mr. Brooks) claimed to be in wrongful possession.

The landlord of the premises concerned said that they had been let as domestic tenancies and permission had not been given for any business to be carried on there. In cross-examination he admitted that a more literal translation of the word "premises" in the clause of the agreement read by Mr. Brooks would be "shop."

Mr. MacCullum said that there was no priority of contract between defendant and the landlord and the person who should have been sued was the principal tenant. He claimed that plaintiff should be non-suited.

Mr. Brooks claimed that it was for the carpenters' shop people to ascertain whether or not the principal tenant had power to sub-let.

His Lordship said the case appeared to stand on the construction of the clause "in case the tenant desired to go into another line of business he was not permitted to transfer them to other tenants but must surrender them to the landlord." That to him would seem to mean there was some line of business there already and that if the conductor of the business wished to leave he could not sub-let to any other business persons without permission. His Lordship said that he could not see anything to prevent the tenant using the premises as a shop. The agreement seemed to imply that the tenant took the premises for some line of business and until there was some business there the clause in question had no application. If evidence for the defence could be given as to there never having been any change in the business carried on in the premises he did not think the clause could be held to cover the case.

After the evidence of the principal tenant and further argument, judgment was reserved.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

On the arrival here of the "Shinyo Maru" from San Francisco, via ports, it was reported that a woman passenger had died on board during the voyage.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending August 16 amounted to 82,400 tons. The sales during the period were 74,777 tons.

Kam Cheong, No. 244, Portland Street, summoned for erecting a shed at Portland Street on August 7 without permission from the Building Authority, was fined \$25 this morning.

A house cooler, working for Mrs. Walker, of No. 85, Nathan Road was fined \$5, or seven days imprisonment, in default for dumping rubbish at the junction of Nathan Road and Granville Road.

A coolie named Chan Lin was this morning charged with theft of four planks of wood from a building contractor's shed at Hok Un village on August 26. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Cheong Koo, 240, To Kwa Wan Road, was this morning summoned by Mr. A. Brooks, of the Public Works Department, for using defective material in building a verandah on Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1353. He was fined \$50. A.S. order was made to remove the defective work within two months.

MUSICAL TREAT.

WONDERFUL PLAYING AT STAR THEATRE.

Under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Richard Stubbs), the Premyslav Concert opened to a crowded house at the Star Theatre last night. The programme completely satisfied the audience, judging from the extended applause at the conclusion of each item; and neither Monsieur nor Madame Premyslav can feel other than gratified at Kowloon's welcome. Fortunately, the services of Mr. Harry Ore were available as an accompanist which added much to the night's enjoyment and gave both visiting musicians an opportunity to rest between their arduous duties.

The programme opened with M. Premyslav (violin) playing Paganini's "Prelude et Allegro," followed by Paganini's "Concert D-major 'Allegro Maestoso.'" Both compositions have some deeply musical passages which were fully appreciated by the audience.

Madame Premyslav's (cello) first two solos were "Suite A-major - Adagio-Allegro," by Boccherini, and "Tarantelle" by Popper (the famous Cellist), both of which called forth warm appreciation.

In the third part, M. Premyslav had further treats in store with "Caprice Viennois" (Kreisler), "Ave Maria" (Schubert) and "Zephyr" (Hubay) all rendered with that technique and virtuosity one expects from an exponent of his calibre.

The audience insisted on an encore to "Ave Maria," a demand which was generously conceded.

Madame Premyslav won her way even deeper into the hearts of the audience, in the fourth part, when her offerings were "Guitare" (Moszkowski), "Nocturne" (Chopin), "Am Springbrunnen" (Davidoff), all played with distinction and with genuine feeling, admirably restrained.

To ring down the curtain on a memorable musical evening, M. and Madame Premyslav played a duo by Handel, in form a Passacaglia. This was really the big thing of the evening. One ventured to think that, after all, the strings are best left to their own devices, and that von Bulow was right when he said that the piano is in reality not an instrument.

What with double-stopping and passages flowing backwards and forwards in close imitation, the violin and cello became at once blended and expanded into a quartette, to which the ingenious "bowing" of the talented performers added a startling lustre.

The second concert will be given at the Star to-night and these with an ear for music should take the opportunity to hear these accomplished musicians.

This Evening's Concert.

The following is the programme for the second of the two concerts which the celebrated Polish violinist N. Leopold Premyslav is giving in the Star Theatre under the patronage of H. E. the Governor.

1. Scotch Phantasy.....Bruch.
Grave-Adagio cantabile
Scherzo (Dance)-Andante-Finale guerriero.
(VIOLIN).

2. Concerto A minor op. 32.....Saint-Saens.

Allegro non troppo
Allegretto con moto } in one part
Finale

Interval.

3. (a) Caprice.....Paganini.
(b) Prelied.....Wagner.
(c) Gipsy Airs.....Sarasate.
(VIOLIN).

4. (a) Gavotte.....Popper.
(b) Chant d'Automne.....Tchakovsky.
(c) Spanish Dance.....Dvorak.
(CELLO).

5. Duos for Violin and Cello.
(a) Berceuse.....Grieg.
(b) Valse.....Weber.

CAUTIONED.

LIME-WASHING INCIDENT.

Ng Po, owner of No. 17, Chung Sau Lane West, was summoned by Sanitary Inspector Smith for not lime-washing his premises between February and March. The case was heard before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne this morning. Defendant stated that he did have the house lime-washed by a contractor in March but did not advise the Sanitary Inspector himself at the time. On May 27, he sold the house to another man and had no right to lime-wash the house afterwards. It was true he received a notice to have the lime-washing done again. Defendant was found guilty and cautioned.

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

CHANGE OF POLICY FORETOLD.

EMBASSY PROBABLE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, August 18.

The British Minister, Sir Ronald Macleay, accompanied by Lady Macleay will proceed on six months' furlough in November. Private correspondence from London says there are to be important changes in the British diplomatic world which are expected to affect Peking as well as elsewhere. Reports declare that the British Legation in China, in spite of denials, will be raised to an Embassy not later than next Spring and that there is an agitation behind the scenes in London to send out as first British Ambassador either a prominent banker or some well known man of affairs. In any case, it now seems conceded that the appointment of a Soviet Ambassador to China, working in conjunction with the general situation, demands a re-shaping of British policy with new instruments.

RADIO.

EVENING STUDY AT Y.M.C.A.

The Hongkong Branch of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., ever willing to further the opportunity for the student to improve his knowledge, has decided to offer a course of instruction in radio telegraphy. Mr. R. L. Moeller, the Secretary, has favoured the "China Mail" with the following outline of the arrangements:—

Purpose.—The practical course in Radio is planned to meet the needs of two classes of men, those who wish to learn more about this fascinating subject from the standpoint of the pleasure they may derive from it, and those who wish to take it up as a profession. Equipment.—The Y.M.C.A. has recently installed a complete Radio receiving set and accessories of the latest design. A special room has been set aside containing this equipment for the use of the students.

Outline of Course.—The subjects required for the Government examinations and regularly taught in the Y.M.C.A. Radio School may be classed as follows:—

- (a) The Continental Wireless Code Alphabet.
- (b) Diagram of Transmitting and receiving Apparatus.
- (c) Knowledge of Transmitting Apparatus.
- (d) Knowledge of Receiving Apparatus.
- (e) Knowledge of the operation and care of Storage Batteries.
- (f) Knowledge of Motor Generators.
- (g) Knowledge of the International Regulations governing Radio Communications and Radio Laws.

Instructor.—We are fortunate in securing as instructor Mr. K. Y. Mars, one of the most skilled men in the science of electricity and telegraphy now in the Orient. He has specialized in Radio and possesses together with a thorough knowledge of this subject, the ability to teach it in a practical manner.

Time.—The terms of 18 weeks will include 36 lessons in Radio, the class meeting two evenings each week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 7 to 9 o'clock. The term begins Tuesday, September 9, 1924, and continues until Thursday, January 15, 1925.

Fee.—Tuition fee for the full course of 36 lessons is \$15 to members of the Y.M.C.A. Students will furnish their own sending key and receiving ear phone which may be purchased at actual cost price from the Association.

Radio Club.—Students may supplement their studies by enjoying advantages of membership in the Y.M.C.A. Radio Club which offers fellowship with a congenial group of men and a chance to acquire general information of Radio matters in addition to the prescribed course.

BIRCH FOR BOYS.

Chan Hung-sang, a boy, charged with theft yesterday of a white cotton jacket laid on the hillside of Tai Hang Village to be dried, was sentenced to seven strokes of the birch, by Mr. Melbourne this morning. A youngster named Cheng Fuk, for theft of three planks of wood from a house in course of construction at Fuk Sau Lane, was also sentenced by Mr. Melbourne to be birched. The prescription was ten strokes.

COMING TO A CRISIS.

LATEST CANTON POSITION.

HONGKONG FOOD SUPPLIES AFFECTED.

Political And Other Side-Issues.

Hongkong's food supply has now been directly affected by the merchants' strike at Canton. Latest information to hand to-day does not mention any fresh developments of importance and no reports of open disturbance have come through.

Disquieting features, however, are that political side-issues are being exploited. There is also a strong feeling among those qualified to express an opinion that the Canton Government must act sooner or later. The consensus of opinion in Hongkong and Canton is that the deadlock cannot continue. Under the present circumstances this would mean bringing matters to a head.

VEGETABLE PRICES UP.

CANTON SHIPMENTS CUT OFF.

This morning the Hongkong market wholesale vegetable stalls were informed that vegetable shipments from Canton need not be expected for some days. Hongkong is largely dependent on Canton for its supplies of vegetables. Prices shot up this morning and, it is reported, the local dealers are hanging on to any stocks that will keep. Vegetables which are likely to perish were disposed of as usual but at much higher prices. Speculators are stated to have bought up the greater part of this morning's arrivals of squash and long beans.

Hongkong also looks to Canton for its supplies of fresh water fish but it has not been ascertained if shipments will be cut off.

Hongkong Assistance Requested.

This afternoon the committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce is holding a meeting to discuss the Canton merchants' strike. On inquiry from Mr. Chow Pak-tim, acting secretary to the Chamber, it was gathered that an urgent telegram had been received by the Chamber from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Canton, in which reference was made to the detention of the arms shipment and in which the assistance of the Hongkong Chamber was solicited.

Refugees And Cargo.

Despite the extension of the trouble, both Chinese and European cargo is being shipped to and from Hongkong.

All the steamers arriving here from Canton are bringing down large numbers of people who have left anticipating that fighting may break out.

STRIKE SPREADS.

EMERGENCY TAX QUESTION.

What Will Sun Do?

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, August 26.

Although it was at first supposed that the majority of Chinese merchants in Canton had struck reluctantly, the strike movement is now extending and, at the same time, gaining strength.

Apparently, there were sections of the bourgeoisie who are unwilling to join hands in throwing down the gauntlet to the Government on the "Hui" arms issue. But the feeling seems to be spreading that the present opportunity is favourable for pressing home claims hitherto feebly supported, that all "emergency levies" and taxes on both business and property should be forthwith rescinded. One after another, varying burdens have been added to

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE ANOMALIES.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Economy is the order of the day and it behoves every Government to study carefully its expenditure, and to keep this as low as is consonant with the well being of the community. The salary of one highly paid official can be saved if the following pressing reform be carried out. Recent grievous occurrences suggest that a drastic alteration in the administration of the so-called Sanitary Department is long overdue. What are the qualifications of the Head of the Sanitary Department for the position he holds? They are a minus quantity as far as the public is aware. He is not a medical man and, therefore, does not possess even a rudimentary knowledge of such important sciences as epidemiology, bacteriology and public health, yet he must be consulted by the specialists in these matters who serve under him. It is no wonder that we have just had an epidemic of typhoid fever. Is he a Sanitary Engineer or even a plumber? If so his opinion on methods of sanitation and kindred matters would be of value. At the risk of appearing ridiculous, it is seriously asked if he holds the qualifications which his senior Sanitary Inspectors possess, i.e. that of inspector of nuisances or inspector of meat or other foods granted by the Royal Sanitary Institute? What would the public think if the Government placed a layman at the head of the Sanitary Department? These departments are controlled by qualified men who have served long apprenticeships in order to master the technique of their professions and who possess the necessary skill and ability effectively to administer their offices. Why should the Sanitary Department be selected for the distinction of being presided over by a cadet whose sphere is clerical, not technical. The Colony employs a Principal Civil Medical Officer, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and who is eventually responsible to the Government on all matters concerning the health of the Colony, even if he is not allowed a voice in some of the departments intimately connected with health problems. This Official is pre-eminently suited to fill the position of Head of the Sanitary Department in virtue of his present office, his qualifications, long experience and specialised training. It is difficult to comprehend why this gentleman's services are not utilised in this capacity and a pertinent query to this effect in the Legislative Council would prove exceedingly difficult to answer. The Government is earnestly implored to re-consider the present dangerous foisting with the health of the Colony and to grasp the fact that a qualified person must be appointed at once to take responsible control of the emasculated Health Department now in existence. It will be too late when an epidemic of cholera automatically decides the question. No doubt Mr. Smith will only be too glad to be relieved of his present anomalous position and thus the services of at least one official can be dispensed with and the well-being of the community considerably enhanced.

Thanking you for favour of insertion,

Yours, etc.,

PRO PONO PUBLICO.

Hongkong, August 27.

THE JURY SYSTEM.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—I have noted with care your remarks regarding the Jury System and of your opposition to the suggestions which I made after the Lantao Murder Trial of April last.

I desire to inform you once again the reason why I said that a verbal discussion to bring in a verdict was a dangerous practice and ask if it would be possible to avoid it and to seek another scheme which may be reasonable and convey fairness to a prisoner on trial.

The circumstances of empanelling a jury out here are by far different to a Home Jury because we have Asiatics among the list of jurors and when the discussion of a case comes to take place, among the European and Asiatic jurors, it is my belief that there is so much handicap for the Asiatic juror to deliver his opinion, firstly because he imagines he is not well versed in the law and secondly his knowledge of English does not permit him to speak what he really thinks.

Yours, etc.,

PRO PONO PUBLICO.

Hongkong, August 27.

GAMBLING QUARREL.

MEDIATOR INJURED.

A mediator in a gambling quarrel, who was severely handled, appeared at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday afternoon when his assailant was charged with wounding him with a chopper.

Mr. D. H. Blake prosecuted and Mr. Leo d'Almada defended.

One of the members of the gambling party, a pork seller, gave evidence as to a quarrel having arisen between him and the defendant. The complainant intervened and separated them and witness left the table and went away. He had left the market when he heard police whistles being blown, and, turning back he saw the defendant holding a blood-stained chopper.

Complainant gave evidence as to the defendant striking him with the chopper, after he had intervened in the quarrel, and Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Magistrate, sentenced the defendant to four months' hard labour.

SMALL-POX.

HONGKONG IS DECLARED INFECTED PORT.

The following telegram has been received by the Colonial Secretary from the British Consul-General, Batavia:

"Netherlands. East Indies. Authorities have declared Hongkong infected with small-pox."

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs Joseph Gould & Co. kindly supply the following share quotations ruling on the Shanghai market this morning:

Ti.	17 1/2	Buyers.
Langkats	10 1/2	Buyers.
Ewos	10 1/2	Buyers.
Shanghai Docks	93	Buyers.
New Engineering	6 1/4	Buyers.
Oriental	3 1/4	Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons	50	Buyers.

it is always the case, but only as a precautionary step, it is better in the interests of justice to see to the working of a better scheme.

I certainly don't mean that the verbal discussion should be entirely abolished, as you remarked, it will be a retrograde step. Let the discussion be continued by all means, so that any intricate points may be cleared up, but I was asking all the time how the verdict was to be reached. It is a poor procedure that as soon as the discussion is over between the seven gentlemen of the Jury, they return to the Court to announce the verdict. When I spoke about the slips of paper, I mean that, as soon as the discussion is done, the foreman shall request his colleagues to state on the slip of paper their own opinion. The slips will be handed to the foreman (including his) and he finds the majority of the seven opinions. Such a scheme would create a clear conception as to how the jury system is really worked.

I would like at this juncture to refer to a murder trial which took place last year, of which I am still of the opinion that the verbal discussion of the jurors for that trial was unsatisfactory as the verdict of "Guilty" which they brought in. It was the trial of a father who with his son jumped together into the harbour as a means of drowning his sorrows in consequence of his disclaiming to be the father of the child to which his wife was about to give birth. Both father and son were promptly rescued from the water and brought to the hospital, where, coincidentally the wife was in a ward. Although she was unaware, of her husband's plight and was actually in the hospital building, she heard the cries of her son and recognising them, she instructed that her son be brought to her. Later when the child was back with its father, it was discovered to be dead, and in consequence of such a turn, the father was indicted on a charge of murder. The medical evidence showed that the cause of death was not due to the immersion in the water. Sir William Rees-Davies, the then Chief Justice, was not satisfied with the verdict of "Guilty" without any recommendation to mercy, and probably you may remember that then took up the appeal for the reprieve of the condemned man, and the Executive Council ordered that the death sentence be not carried out.

It is my point to prove that a verbal discussion does not always meet the wants that the Law call for.

Yours, etc.,

PRO PONO PUBLICO.

Hongkong, August 27.

TYPHOON NEWS.

TIDINGS OF SHIPS AT SEA.

HAINAN TIDAL WAVE.

Ocean-going vessels which arrived in Hongkong yesterday and this morning from the south report meeting the typhoon which missed Hongkong during the week-end. This typhoon passed by Kwong-chau-wan, the Hainan Straits, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong, and has since filled up after going inland.

Details supplied by the s.s. "Borneo" (Shun Tai S.S. Co.) make interesting reading. She left Haiphong on August 22, Holhow on August 24 and arrived in Hongkong yesterday. For nearly twenty-four hours—9.10 a.m. on August 23 to 8.30 a.m. on August 24—she was anchored in Hainan Bay riding out a "severe typhoon." At 5.30 a.m. on August 24 (Sunday) the barometer read 29.04, temperature 80. A tidal wave of 15 feet was noticed by the ship.

The "Borneo's" skipper, also reports that he saw the "John Lodw. Mowinkel" (which left Hongkong about a week ago to bring back a cargo of limestone—agents, Yamshita Kishen Kaisha) anchored in Hainan Bay riding out the storm. When the "Borneo" left for Hongkong the limestone ship was still at anchor and the China Navigation s.s. "Chenan" was passed in Hainan South Passage.

The China Navigation s.s. "Kaying" which left Bangkok on August 18 and Swatow on August 25, reports meeting a typhoon near the Paracels but no date is mentioned.

The "Wong Shek Kung" also reports meeting "a monsoon" on her voyage from Saigon to Hongkong. She left the French port on August 22.

The "Talkoo Wan Yi" from Semarang reports hearing to in Lat. 17.28 N., Long 110.43 E. on account of foul weather.

BENGAL IMPASSE.

SWARAJISTS' BOASTS.

Calcutta, July 13.—It is unlikely that the Bengal Council will be able to reassemble before the end of the month. The hearing of the Government's appeal against the injunction is fixed for Thursday next. Meanwhile, the leaders of the parties and the Press of all shades of opinion point out the urgency of certain amendments to the Government of India Act. Mr. Justice Ghose concluded his judgment with: "In my opinion, the rules and standing orders require revision. In the light of the events which have happened, I do not express an opinion of the political situation, but desire to express the hope that the Constitution be placed on a firm and enduring foundation."

A curious fact is brought out by the Swarajists' action. The President of the Council, the State Assembly, and Provincial Councils are continually giving important rulings on points of Constitutional law not included in the list of those exempted from the jurisdiction of the courts. This typical loose drafting of the reforms scheme is likely to lead to further tangles unless it is rectified. With the increasing tendency of the extremist parties to use any means to wreck the reforms the need for a revision of the Constitution to safeguard it against political saboteurs has become urgent. It is generally recognised to be an intolerable situation which allows the Swarajists, whose unscrupulous agitation throughout India has left a trail of murder and misery, to seek the shelter of the law they defy and to hold up the Constitution by a legal technicality and threatened appeals to the Privy Council. There are rumours that the Governor may be compelled to use powers of certification. The boasts of the Swarajist Press that they still have other cards up their sleeves prove the uselessness of further attempts to carry on without vital amendments to the scheme, which was too generously framed in anticipation of co-operation among the politically-minded classes which has not been realised.

SILK SHIPMENT.

Silk forwarded from here by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" on July 31, arrived in New York on August 23. It was 23 days in transit.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, a Chinese coolie named Chan Chung was charged with being in possession of nearly 4,000 "Capitain" cigarettes, at To Kwa-wan, without paying the duty amounting to \$150. He was fined \$150 or three months' hard labour.

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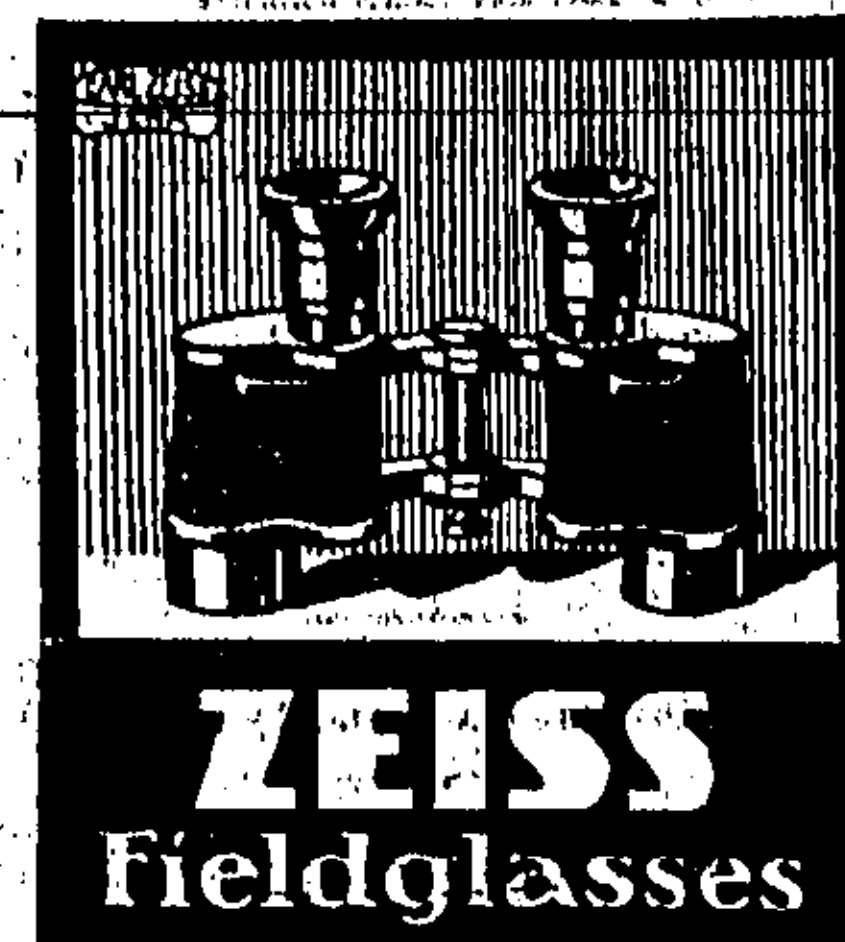
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MRS. PENTYCROSS.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. F. H. Pentycross, Chief Accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the death of his wife which took place at the Peak Hospital last night.

The late Mrs. Pentycross had a host of friends both here and in Shanghai who will receive the sad news with a shock.

Mrs. Pentycross had only been in the Colony since the beginning of the year and although she had been in failing health during the winter part of that time she had endeavored herself to all with whom she came into contact. She had been an inmate of the Peak Hospital for three months. The funeral will take place, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

MR. WILLIAM BARKER.

The death took place at the Government Civil Hospital this morning of Mr. William Barker, a very old resident of Hongkong who had been in poor health for some time.

MONSTER BAZAAR.

FOR RELIEF OF FLOOD DISTRESS.

The Chinese Community of Hongkong, represented by the Confucian Society, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Tung Wah Hospital Board and other Public bodies and associations are organizing a Monster Bazaar to raise funds for the relief of the distress caused by the disastrous floods in the neighbouring province of Kwangtung.

It is proposed to hold the bazaar in the new premises of the International Restaurant at West Point on August 30, and to continue it for seven days and nights.

Some time Mr. Barker very nearly died last year, but despite his advanced age, pulled through owing to his dogged personality. Mr. Barker did not claim a very wide circle of friends, being of a retiring disposition, but those who knew him found him an extremely likeable man, always joking, and

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FOUL LANGUAGE.

WITNESS FINED IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Aug. 25.—The unruly tongue of the complaining witness in an assault case heard at the U.S. Commissioner's Court yesterday led to his being fined \$5 for contempt.

The witness, J. R. Montgomery, stated that while walking along Broadway near the Astor House on Thursday evening at about 8.30 o'clock the defendant, E. R. Tindall (described as chief engineer of the "Wheatland-Montana"), was blocking the way and as witness passed him Tindall, quite without provocation struck him several times, cutting his head and raising a lump thereon. He therefore had Tindall arrested and after being charged at Hongkong police-station with assault, defendant was committed to the U.S. Gaol.

In telling his story witness swore, for which the Commissioner (Mr. Lorton) reproved him, whereupon witness said he thought the Court "ought not to be so disagreeable about it." He had "nothing more to say to the Court, but would take the matter to a higher tribunal." On being warned he subsided.

After a second witness for the Government, Mr. Hamilton, had given evidence that he was present at the time the attack by defendant upon Mr. Montgomery, Montgomery was recalled for re-examination and it was again necessary to warn him as to his behaviour in Court. He apologized but was soon off again. "I want justice," he insisted.

Mr. Lorton—That is what the Court is here for.

Defendant said that while he was standing on the footpath in Broadway near the Astor House, Mr. Montgomery passed him, and he (witness) accidentally jostled against him. With that Mr. Montgomery used such foul epithets that defendant refused to the insult with a blow.

The Commissioner said that he believed the defendant to be telling the truth and that he was influenced to that belief by the demeanour of the complaining witness, showing that his use of such language was very lax. He said that the defendant had technically overstepped the bounds of the law in striking the complaining witness, but he had certain justification as any decent man was bound to resent the use of such language. Defendant's initial offence was evidently accidental, and even if he were in the wrong civilized language might have been used to reprove him. Mr. Lorton said the Court would not countenance the use of such indecent and obnoxious language, and would give the defendant the benefit of the doubt and dismiss the charge against him.

The complaining witness expressed much indignation at which Mr. Lorton said, "I warn you for the last time to be quiet," but as Montgomery continued the Commissioner declared his action in contempt of Court and fined him \$5.

"I won't pay it," replied the complaining witness with vehemence.

"See that the fine is paid before you leave this Court," said Mr. Lorton. The fine was paid.

WAR RUMOURS.

CHIHLI AND CHEKIANG MAY FIGHT SOON.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, August 25. In connection with the rumoured imminence of war between Chekiang and Kiangsu Reuter's Peking correspondent telegraphs that a censorship has been instituted. It is feared that war will most probably break out shortly between the Chihli party and Chekiang. Kiangsu is stated to be sending punitive troops to Shanghai by sailing vessels. Apparently the attack is to be made from three sides.

ORIGIN OF THE TROUBLE. Broadly the origin of the trouble is the fact that General Lu Yung-hsiang, Tsuchun of Chekiang, controls the Shanghai arsenal, just outside the Chinese city, and the Wuotung forts, near Shanghai, Marshal Chih Shieh-yuan, Tsuchun of Kiangsu, always maintained that these places, being in Kiangsu, ought to be under his control.

The trouble was recently brought to a head by Lu Yung-hsiang's annoying Wu Pefu by forcibly employing two anti-Wu Pefu Generals. Wu Pefu believed the backing of Chih and Chang Tso-lin, and believed also in Lu Yung-hsiang's determination in each case to "shoot first." The danger of the situation lies in the readiness of Shanghai to the side of probable operations, and the fact that the latter may ultimately lead to another war between Wu Pefu and Chang Tso-lin.

CHINA ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

FINANCE AND UNREST.

At the annual meeting of the China Association, held in London on July 23, the following report was presented.

In looking back upon Chinese affairs during the past year, it is difficult to see any material improvement in the political situation. Constant changes and general instability still continue to be the outstanding features both of the Central and Provincial Governments. If anything, the power and influence of the Peking Government is more limited and restricted as regards internal affairs than was the case a year ago. The disunion and weakness of the Government has been accompanied by a continuance of unrest and disturbances throughout the country, in many cases involving foreign interests and security. The financial situation is becoming more and more strained as far as the credit of the Government is concerned. Typical instances of the uncompromising attitude of the Chinese Government may be noticed in the conditions claimed in connection with the retrocession of Wei-hai-wei. In spite of their formal undertaking to deal equitably with just claims for compensation arising out of the transfer—and the liberal terms offered by H.M. Government, there is no evidence of reciprocity on the Chinese side. Apparently in political circles in China, for the time being, antagonism to foreign interests is looked upon as a safer bid for popularity amongst those sections upon which politicians rely for support rather than the cultivation of cordial relations with friendly Powers; but perhaps the course of events may show that this attitude has its disadvantages, and that it is not a very far-sighted policy in view of the dangerous situation in which China is placed.

Finance.—In spite of the chaotic political conditions in the Provinces and a weak Central Government, the Maritime Customs Revenue was fully maintained, but without effective 5 per cent. duty it would not have been unreasonable to expect a greater result than was actually achieved. Only the able administration of the great organization and its power, so far, to control the Customs Revenue has enabled these results to be obtained, contrasting sharply with the obstruction and interference of provincial authorities that faced the collection of the Salt Revenue. A matter for criticism, however, as regards the administration of the Customs Revenue is the decision to apply the surplus to China's internal and domestic debts without regard to the claims of foreign creditors.

Extraterritoriality.—The greater the confusion and insecurity of foreign life and property in China, the more insistent becomes the demand of a section of foreign educated Chinese to obtain some modification of the extraterritorial régime and secure jurisdiction over all foreigners. Amid the hopeless confusion and regulations with a view to convincing Foreign Powers that China is now in a position to assume jurisdiction over their nationals and that they may safely abandon, or materially modify, the Treaty rights on which their trading operations have been conducted for so many years, and on which the security of their immense vested interests entirely depends. The issue of portentous volumes of legal enactments will carry little weight with any one acquainted with the situation in China. If China wishes to modify her present international status, her first duty is to put her house in order and then, following the example of the neighbouring Empire of Japan, to undergo a long course of preparation, not merely in remodeling her legislation, but in training officials who can be trusted to have it honestly enforced.

Opium.—The negotiations for the enforcement of the 1913 Convention continue to make slow progress at Geneva. The question is greatly complicated by the widespread recrudescence of opium cultivation in China. This presents a problem with which no outside influence can hope to cope, and unless some reform movement comes from within, of which there is little indication at present, it is to be feared that all the suppression work of previous years will have been done in vain, and that China's last condition will be no better than the first.

Railways.—The earnings of the Chinese Government Railways in 1923 were better than in the previous year. Military interference with the railways continued throughout the year to hinder their operation. The only new construction which has been undertaken has been the continuation by Belgian interests of the Lung Hai Railway.

Trade, Mark Law.—The only satisfactory solution of the problem would obviously be the recognition of a "Trade Mark Law" by the Chinese Government, which would be administered as are such laws by British and other foreign mercantile courts, and would be subject to the same principles of interpretation as such laws.

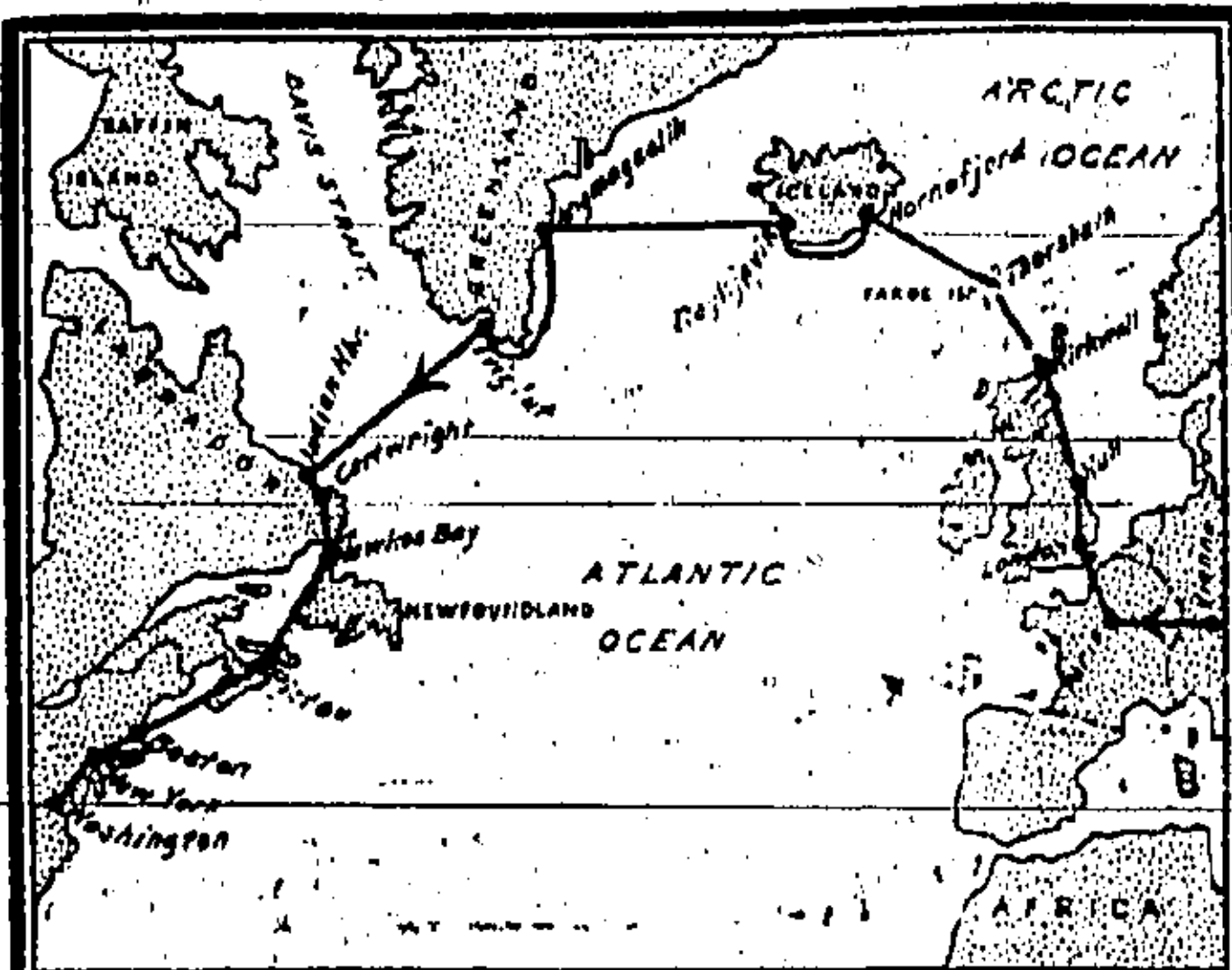
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CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

Position as at August 27.

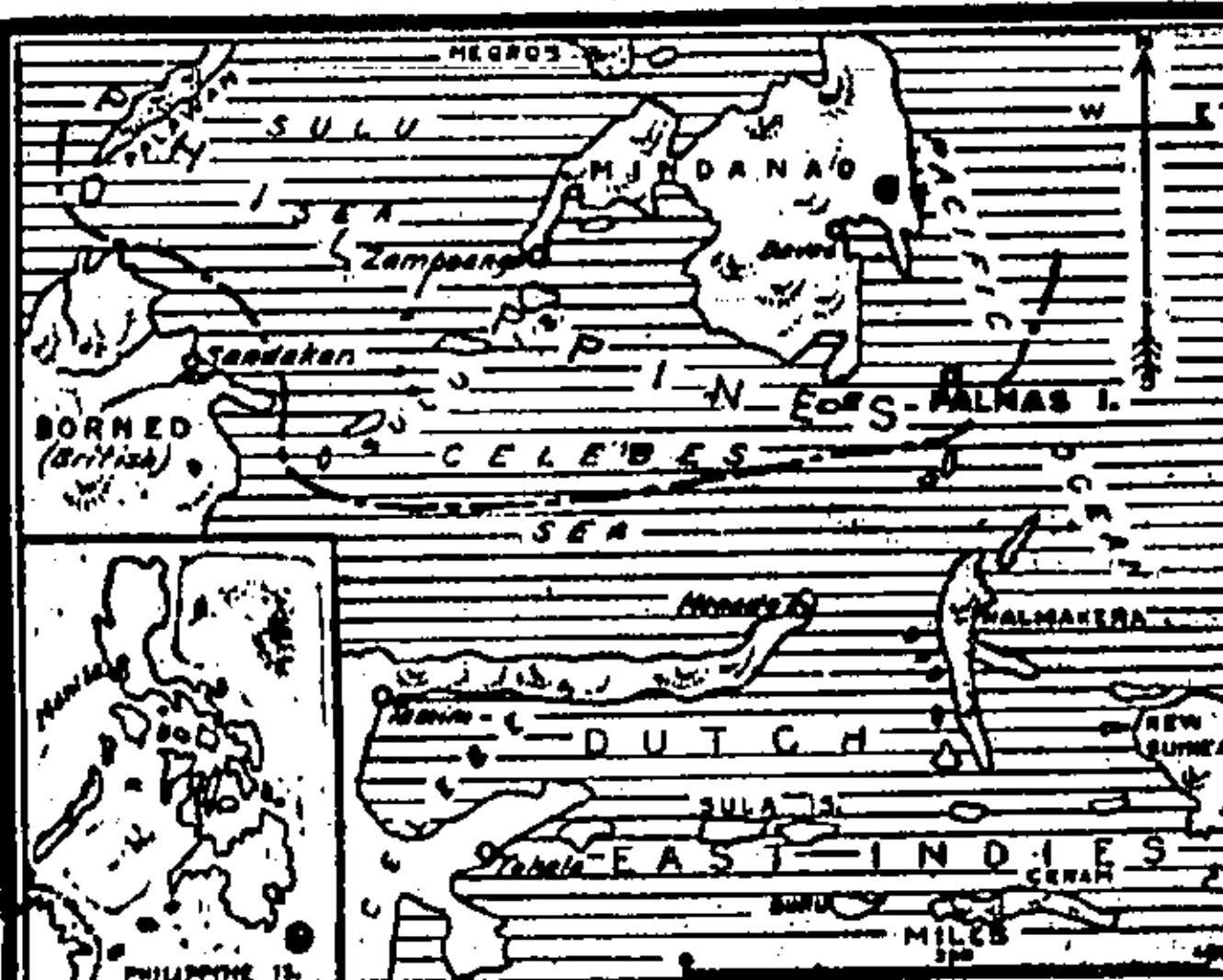
County.	Possible Points.	Points Obtained.	Average.
Yorkshire	105	78	74.20
Middlesex	95	78	71.58
Lancashire	115	90	77.83
Surrey	90	59	65.55
Kent	120	83	68.83
Nottingham	105	64	57.14
Gloucestershire	115	52	55.55
Somerset	100	42	52.00
Warwickshire	90	42	46.66
Sussex	115	48	41.74
Leicestershire	115	44	38.27
Hampshire	115	42	36.52
Gloucestershire	95	32	33.68
Worcestershire	110	33	30.00
Essex	110	27	24.54
Northants	80	15	18.75
Derbyshire	105	16	15.22

THE AMERICAN FLIGHT.



FLYERS CROSS ATLANTIC—The flight from London to Washington constitutes the sixth and last division of the around-the-world flight of the U.S. Army flyers. The route is broken by comparatively short hops via Iceland and Greenland, thus avoiding a long ocean flight.

DISPUTED OWNERSHIP.



NEW ISLAND ADDED—Palmas Island was added to the United States by Spain in 1898 as part of the Philippines, but the Dutch have assumed sovereignty over it for a century. Negotiations are now under way to transfer the island and its 500 inhabitants to the American flag.

WORLD THEATRE.

"ITCHING PALMS."

Dusty attics, with a weirdly flapping curtain on the one window, through which a full moon casts an unearthly sheen; lonely roads on dark nights, bowered by huge trees behind the trunks of which, who knows, what dangers lurk to assail one in passing; a deserted barn on a hillside, with the midnight wind moaning through its riddled sides, like some tortured being in everlasting pain. These details fail to do justice to the creepy situations that makes "Itching Palms" one of the most mysterious of plays to reach the screen. It is now being shown at the World Theatre.

the Chinese Government and to foreigners resident in China by their respective Governments, by means of Orders-in-Council or other appropriate methods. The whole situation at present is extremely unsatisfactory. Your Committee feels that if at the time the law was first promulgated it had been possible for all the principal foreign Powers to unite in insisting upon proper safeguards for the protection of foreign interests, their reasonable requirements might have been conceded by the Chinese Government. Now that the law has been in force, so far as the Chinese are concerned, for nearly a year, the position must necessarily be more difficult to deal with, but it may still be hoped that the Chinese Government will appreciate that such modifications in the law and its administration as are asked for by British and other foreign mercantile courts are in no way derogatory to Chinese sovereignty.

A PLEA FOR CHINA.

SIR ROBERT'S STIRRING APPEAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 26. Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and their son and daughter were guests of honour at a reception yesterday at Highleigh, Hertfordshire, where the annual conference of the Central Union of Chinese Students in Britain was being held. Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, presiding, addressed the students and described Sir Robert Ho Tung as a great philanthropist and patriot who was keenly interested in the welfare of his fatherland. Lady Ho Tung had done much to increase the silk industry in China.

Sir Robert Ho Tung in reply, thanked the students for their kind reception and expressed his admiration at their enterprise in coming so far to seek knowledge. He urged them to try to maintain the best traditions of China. Great opportunities awaited them for promoting the welfare of China as doctors, health experts and teachers, also many opportunities for the development of the latent possibilities of China such as mining, roadmaking, railway construction, inland navigation and waterworks. Mechanical development was still in its infancy. He concluded by exhorting the students to do all in their power to help China to maintain her position among the great nations of the world. The most important thing was to do one's duty to one's country for the benefit of the human race.

Will Rely on Mother's Plans—A bank of fear seized mothers' hearts and every group of mothers gathered round their children, who were being taken to the hospital, and every mother's heart was full of anxiety.

FRANCE AND L. O. N.

SUPPORT ON TERMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, August 26. The Government has issued an official statement of its views on the treaty of mutual assistance which will be discussed at the forthcoming Assembly of the League of Nations. It says that while it is desirous of following the traditional policy of France in support of the League, the French Government is willing to approve the pact only in so far as it may be consistent with her desire to ensure her security and the reduction of armaments, but will not consent, under any circumstances, to participate in a conference for the reduction of armaments without a preliminary guarantee of security. In any case the question of the reduction of French armaments might be more suitably discussed in the French parliament. The statement justifies the treaties entered into by France for her own security and makes a number of suggestions for improving the terms of the treaty.

MOROCCO.

SPANISH FORCES NOW ADVANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

MADRID, August 25. It is officially stated that the operations in Morocco are proving successful, and will be continued until the resistance of the Rif tribesmen has been completely broken. Spanish columns in the eastern and western zones are advancing. Steps are being taken to protect the friendly tribes.

RAILWAY COMBINE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, August 26. The directors of the Lake Erie Railroad have approved the offer of the Van Sweringen interests to consolidate the Lake Erie Railroad in a proposed billion and a half dollar Nickel Plate railway system. The action of the Lake Erie Railroad practically completes the plans of the proposed merger.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 26. The "Times" City Editor, commenting on the rubber position in the Straits, says the longer the present situation continues the greater will be the strain on British companies and the more insistent will become the call for reconsideration of the whole restriction scheme.

NOT WELCOME.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, August 26. The "Pravda," announcing the arrival of a Japanese warship at Ust Kamchatka, says the local authorities have requested the Commander to leave, but the warship remains and refuses to move. The report adds that this greatly irritates and perturbs the population of Kamchatka.

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This ancient house on Seven hundred Acre Island, the Maine Summer home of Charles Dann Gibson, the artist, has been turned over to John W. Davis as a workshop during his vacation at Mr. Gibson's home. Here the Democratic Presidential nominee is shown writing his speech of acceptance.

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THOMAS W. LAMONT

The fate of the proposed \$4,000,000 loan to Germany rested in the hands of Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, who told the interallied representatives to the London conference that unless his terms and the Davies plan were met America would refuse to participate in the loan.



COUNTESS IRENE ROBILANT

Countess Irene Robilant, is said to be the most decorated woman of the 400 female fighters who saw active service in the ranks of the Italian Army in the war. Her father, General M. Robilant, is one of the noted military commanders of Italy, and because there was no son the Countess enlisted to keep an unbroken line of Robilant fighters.



Lieut.-Commander F. C. McCord, aboard the U.S. destroyer Osborne, commands the five destroyers that are now stationed across the Northern Atlantic to lend aid to the "round-the-world" fliers should they require any assistance.



This is the first posed photograph made of the entire Labour Cabinet. It was taken in the garden of the Prime Minister's official residence at No. 10 Downing Street, London. Sitting front row, left to right, are Mr. William Adamson, Secretary for Scotland; Lord Parmoor, Lord President of the Council; Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Viscount Haldane, Lord of the Council; Mr. James Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister; Mr. John R. Clynes, Deputy Leader, House of Commons; Mr. James Henry Thomas, Secretary of State for the Colonies; Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Home Affairs. In the second row, standing, left to right, are Mr. Charles Phillips Trevelyan, President of the Board of Education; Mr. Stephen Walsh, Secretary of State for War; Lord Thomson, Secretary of State for Air; Viscount Chelmsford, First Lord of the Admiralty; Lord Olivier, Secretary of State for India; Mr. Noel Buxton, Minister of Agriculture; Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Mr. Thomas Shaw, Minister of Labour. In the rear row, left to right, are Mr. Sydney Webb, President of the Board of Trade; Mr. John Wheatley, Minister of Health; and Mr. F. W. Jowett, First Commissioner of Works.

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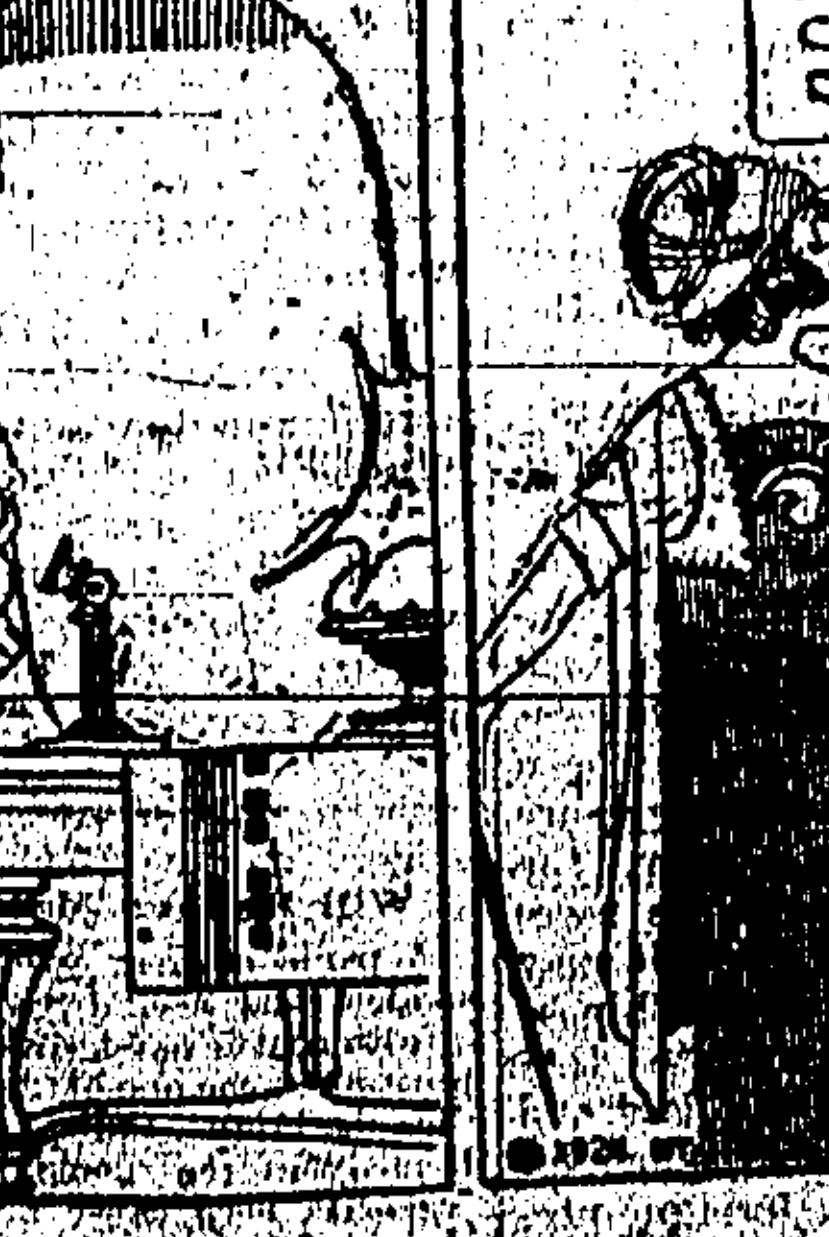


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I'M GONNA SNEAK
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Quarter hour " 15
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For horses " 30
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Ten minutes " 15
Quarter hour " 20
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The balance " 30

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Quarter hour " 15
Half hour " 20
Full hour " 25
Every subsequent hour " 30

V.—In the New Town District.

Ten minutes " 10
Quarter hour " 15
Half hour " 20
Full hour " 25
Every subsequent hour " 30

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